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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michael DORSCHUG et al.)
Serial No.: 08/402,394) Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed: March 10, 1995) Examiner: C. Saoud
For: MINI-PROINSULIN, ITS)
PREPARATION AND USE)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 2023

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 1998, applicants present the following amendment to reduce the number of issues on appeal. The period for filing this Amendment After Final has been extended five months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed March 19, 1999, by the filing of petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

40. (Amended) A method for the preparation of insulin [a compound of the formula II